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C-9 aircraft sport new paint scheme

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

You may have noticed something slightly different as you drove past the row of C-9 Nightingale aircraft on the east side of base recently. The familiar Red Cross, which has adorned the tails of the aircraft since they entered the Air Force fleet in 1967, is disappearing.

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, mandated the removal of the Red Cross from the C-9 a few months ago.

"International law under the Geneva Convention limits the use of the C-9 with a Red Cross to fly only medical missions," he said in a memo to Headquarters Air Mobility Command. "Based on this fact, I have decided to authorize the removal of the Red Cross from U.S. Air Force C-9 in order to fully utilize this aircraft."

Tail number 10875 became the first in the Pacific to tout the new design when it landed here April 22. The aircraft had been at depot, in Greenville, S.C., since August. Every five years aircraft go to depot for maintenance, and during this period the aircraft received its new paint scheme. The aircraft no longer has "U.S. Air Force" printed on it. Instead it has "United States of America." A blank space replaces the familiar Red Cross on the tail.

"In wartime, we would put the crosses

back on," said Lt. Col. Ken Keslar, commander of the 30th Airlift Squadron, which flies the C-9s assigned here. "We have procured decals so if we go to hostilities and we need to designate these as purely aeromedical evacuation assets, we'll put the Red Crosses back on the airplanes."

One more aircraft received the new paint scheme this week. The 374th Maintenance Squadron removed the cross and repainted the aircraft tail this week. They will remove the cross on the other two aircraft later this year.

The move is designed to allow fuller use of the aircraft.

"There are certain things during wartime, with the Red Cross on the airplane, you could not carry – combatant troops, guns. You couldn't move troops to different locations," he explained. "There are certain things you cannot not do because of the Geneva Convention."

With the removal of the Red Cross the aircraft could be used for other missions, but Keslar said no immediate changes are planned.

"Yes, it could afford you to do different types of missions," he said. "But right now in the Pacific, our primary mission is aeromedical evacuation."

Keslar said the Red Cross kind of symbolized what they do and that many aviators will miss them. "But, our mis-



photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Loftin

C-9 tail number 10875 sits in a base hangar undergoing its home-coming inspection after becoming the first in the Pacific to tout a new paint scheme. The familiar Red Cross is being removed from C-9 Nightingale aircraft, by order of the Air Force chief of staff, to more fully utilize the aircraft. The 374th Maintenance Squadron repainted another C-9 aircraft this week. Other C-9s assigned here will receive the new paint scheme later this year.

sion will not change here at Yokota, we'll still be doing aeromedical evacuation," he said. "Taking care of the people in the theater. We'll still be sitting alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

with an airplane and both a 30th Airlift Squadron and a 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron crew ready to respond wherever we need to go. So, our mission will not change."

Transportation named 'best in Air Force'

By Capt. Tim Bunnell
374th Transportation Squadron director of operations

Team Yokota's 374th Transportation Squadron was recently named "Best in the U.S. Air Force" by winning the prestigious National Defense Transportation Association Military Unit Award for 2000.

This coveted annual award is given out to the transportation unit that has most excelled in performance and made outstanding contributions to the Air Force transportation mission. All 72 U.S. Air Force transportation/aerial port squadrons worldwide compete for the award.

Yokota's transportation squadron comprises 285 U.S. military and Japanese civilian personnel, organized into four flights.

"The superb teamwork between these diverse flights and between our squadron and other agencies on Yokota were

the driving forces in Yokota's Transportation Squadron being named the Best of the Best," said Maj. Richard Schwing, squadron commander. "The year 2000 was a great one for each flight in the squadron, and the squadron overall."

The Vehicle Operations Flight provided transportation support to a myriad of distinguished visitors traversing the Kanto Plain, including the president and vice president, secretary of state, secretary of defense, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In addition, the 95 members of this flight operated Pacific Air Forces' busiest mass transit system, the Kanto Express, which transported 250,000 passengers around Yokota. Another important duty, which not very many people know about, is the daily transportation of all U.S. mail between Yokota and Haneda/Narita airports, nearly five million pounds total in 2000. The flight supported more than 48,000 vehicle requests, safely transported more than 372,000 total passengers, and moved 11,500 tons of cargo

through 770,000 miles of some of the world's worst traffic. Finally, Vehicle Ops personnel supported more than 13,500 aircrew transportation requests, with a 97 percent on time rate and an average response time of four minutes.

The Vehicle Maintenance Flight completed another outstanding year, being named the Best Vehicle Maintenance Flight in PACAF for three of the last four years. The 90 professionals in this flight led the way by maintaining Yokota's 1,072-vehicle fleet valued at more than \$62 million for 40 wing, tenant and associate units. Flight members worked extremely hard to deliver PACAF's best vehicle in commission rate of 97percent, including the best vehicle down for parts rate of an amazing 1 percent, smashing PACAF's goal by 300 percent. The flight was selected by the Headquarters USAF Air Staff Transportation Directorate

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YHS student presents project at symposium

By Rebecca Bennett
CWE staff writer

Ask anyone if they think it common for kids under 18 to be virtuosos of science, and they'll probably laugh in your face. But there are always exceptions, and Yokota happens to bear residence to one.

Julia Sudkamp, Yokota High School freshman and president of the YHS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, recently proved herself to be a paragon of scientific know-how. Out of seven YHS and two Yokota Middle School students who participated in the Symposium, Sudkamp was chosen to formally present her project, "The Validity of Hair Strengthening Formulas," to an audience of students, science instructors, and scientists from all

around the globe in Tsukuba City, Japan, recently.

Tsukuba City annually plays host to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, a gathering of students and science instructors from all around the Pacific Rim. Students spend months preparing and fine-tuning their independent, out-of-school science projects for judging at Tsukuba. These judges come from domestic locales in Japan as well as from the United States and European nations.

When it came down to Sudkamp's project, the idea behind it came to her during a quick brainstorm session.

"[The project] had to be related to biology, so I thought of hair, and it just sort of went on from there," she said.

She assembled her "test subjects," or the hair strengthening

products in question, during a trip to the BX. Then she tagged a group of people to test an assigned hair product for a week to see if it lived up to its claim. After taking into consideration how strong their hair was before and after the treatment, she wrapped up her findings into a report paper.

Off she went to this year's JSHS festivities at Tsukuba with her project in hand. Once there and set up into a display (participants set up displays for judging), the judges found her report to be concise, professional, and of worth to real-world situations. Before she knew it, Sudkamp's simple idea had blossomed into a full-fledged presentation in front of a rather large audience. What did she think about it?

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Tama River cleanup



photos by Yasuo Osakabe

Volunteers cross a spot on Tama River during the ninth annual Tama River cleanup. About 400 base members volunteered their time April 28 to pick up trash from a mile and a half stretch of the river. The group collected several hundred pounds of trash in the goodwill venture. After the event, volunteers were treated to water and snacks courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The 374th Civil Engineer Squadron also passed out T-shirts and other goodies to help people remember the environment year round.

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as one of 17 test bases worldwide for a critical vehicle operations/maintenance reengineering initiative, the transfer of the fleet management function from Vehicle Ops to Vehicle Maintenance. Yokota's vehicle maintainers were hand-picked Air Force-wide to train 11 Jordanian mechanics, providing unique training on the P-22 fire truck. The environmental program, managed by Vehicle Maintenance personnel, was recognized as a model for the wing.

The Traffic Management Flight's 63 personnel supported Team Yokota customers through passenger travel services, personal property management, and cargo shipping and receiving duties. The flight moved more than 29,000 cargo

shipments from Yokota to worldwide destinations, including 10,300 critical aircraft spare parts shipments. Their management of the \$5.2 million commercial ticketing office contract led to the ticketing of 11,500 passengers with a 98 percent discount rate, saving the Air Force \$250,000. TMO leadership was the driving force in the 2000 Air Force-level approval for a sweeping change to Yokota's household goods weight allowance rules, effectively doubling the weight allowance for all personnel moving to Yokota.

The Combat Readiness and Resources Flight capped an incredible year by being named the best in PACAF for three of the last four years, then capturing their highest honor,

being named best combat readiness unit in the U.S. Air Force for 2000. The 29 members of this small but critically-important unit supported the deployment of 3,600 Team Yokota personnel and 4,000 tons of cargo for 20 wing, PACAF, and JCS-directed exercises/deployments for 2000. The Combat Mobility Element extended their world's-best rigger-malfunction free airdrop record to a staggering 103 consecutive months while providing airdrop training to 141 C-130 aircrew members through 120 sorties. Also, combat mobility personnel from Yokota won the "Best Aerial Port Team" Award at the AMC Airlift Rodeo 2000, finishing first among 44 international teams.

NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE & PACAF

PACAF honors outstanding airmen: HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces recently honored its four Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2000 in ceremonies here.

Nearly 200 people turned out to congratulate the winners at the annual Outstanding Airman of the Year banquet April 12. The four winners represent more than 27,000 enlisted people in com-

mand. Representing PACAF's enlisted corps are: **Senior Airman Dennis L. Alexander**, PACAF Outstanding Airman of the Year, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea;

Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Cazalet, PACAF Outstanding NCO of the Year, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; **Senior Master Sgt. John J. Kilian**, Senior NCO of the Year, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and **Master Sgt. Albert McGowan**,

PACAF First Sergeant of the Year, Misawa AB, Japan.

Air Force releases draft impact statement for F-22 basing: LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The Air Force has filed the draft Environmental Impact Statement with the Environmental Protection Agency on the proposed home of the first operational wing of F-22 Raptor aircraft.

The Air Force has identified Langley Air Force Base, Va., as its preferred location, but four other bases are also being evaluated: Eglin and Tyndall AFBs, Fla.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

OSI investigators pull plug on teen hacker: ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFPN) — Air Force Office of Special Inves-

tigations computer crime investigators identified a Connecticut teen-ager exploiting a connection between Air Force and Department of Transportation computer systems. The teen faces criminal charges in Cambridge, Mass., Juvenile Court. He is being charged with four counts of unauthorized access; one count of malicious destruction of property; and one count of illegally intercepting wire communications for operating a "sniffer program" on the Volpe Center computer.

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Destination China

Despite political differences, China remains popular vacation destination for Americans

By Maj. Stephen Clutter
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

We arrived in China on a Sunday evening, and a bit unexpected. But not nearly so as 24 of our compatriots, who were being detained at the time on Hainan Island, where they had made an emergency landing March 31. Their unexpected visit was due to a Chinese military jet colliding with their Navy EP-3 over the South China Sea.

In our case, we were merely an hour-and-a-half early. The China Air flight we were on scrubbed a planned stop due to rough weather, proceeding instead direct to Beijing. So we spent our first hour in China, standing around the arrival lobby of the airport, wondering if anyone would show up to meet us. There were sixteen of us in all — fourteen from Yokota and two were from Yokosuka.

Our moments of minor tension broke when two smiling young women finally arrived – Fay and Ella, our guides for a five-day tour of the Beijing area. They split us into two groups, assigned each group to our own mini bus and whisked us away for a 10 p.m. dinner. Although many of us preferred to go directly to the hotel, the dinner actually turned out well, especially since most of us didn't know

each other. The dinner helped break the ice and form bonds that made the trip much more enjoyable.

Despite the political differences between our governments, China remains a popular vacation destination for Americans stationed in Japan (We bumped into several other people from Yokota who were on separate tours).

Our tour included a visit to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Hingshan Park, the Ming Tombs, the Great Wall and a few shopping excursions. Most tours come with meals as part of the package. Every one was a culinary delight, particularly one featuring Beijing Duck.

Although the EP-3 incident created a compelling political backdrop to our trip, we were never harassed or bothered by our hosts about it. In fact, there seemed to be a surreal ignoring of the situation. Most Chinese people we dealt with were friendly, particularly those who were on tours to Beijing themselves.

There are, however, certain dangers lurking for Western tourists in China. Husbands should be particularly careful in how they react when the guide at the Forbidden City mentions that emperors kept over 3,000 concubines. More than one of us got an elbow in the

ribs from our wives while pondering that bit of history. Ouch! One guy was jabbed while babbling something about "at one per day, how long would it take..." On a serious note, we were advised by our guides to beware of pickpockets and street vendors, who were extremely aggressive in pedaling their goods.

The highlight of the tour, other than doing the math on the concubines (8.2 years), was a visit to the Great Wall, a fortress of towers and earthen works built to protect China's northern border. The wall, like so much of China, is such a mix of fact and fantasy. The most visited portion of the wall, the Juyong-guan site in the Beijing area, is not several thousand years old, as our guides told us, nor is it, as is widely asserted, visible from outer space (astronauts confirm this).

Although early wall construction is attributed to an Onin dynasty king who unified China in 221 B.C., few traces of that wall exist today, according to Dr. Arthur Waldron, Director of Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Today's wall, which follows a different route, dates to the Ming dynasty in the late 15th century. Although imposing, the wall was breached many times by the Mongols, who either went around or broke through it.

It suffered more indignity as a result of the "Cultural Revolution," launched in 1966 by former Communist leader Mao Zedong, who appealed to the Chinese people to destroy anything associated with traditional culture. As a result, according to Waldron, sections surrounding Beijing were torn down for quarrying. With Mao's death in 1976, the political climate changed, and the Ming walls began to undergo extensive renovation in their most visited locations.

Today's Chinese government is justifiably proud of the wall, as well



photos by Mary Clutter

Above, Yokota tourists, including David Snoddy, get a view of Tiananmen Square. The Gate of Heavenly Peace (with the photo of former Communist Leader Mao Zedong) is one of four gates of the Forbidden City. Left, the Great Wall of China in the Beijing area.



as the tales of folklore surrounding it (such as the story of the woman who brought a section down with her tears while mourning her missing husband and found his body entombed in the wall). Despite those harmless distortions, the Great Wall truly is a wonder of the ancient world, and one of the main reasons why China is a popular vacation destination for Americans in Japan.

A final word of advice: Be sure to stop by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations for a quick travel briefing. My buddy, who's

the commander there, promises not to frisk you (Unless he's got a warrant). Seriously, OSI can give you some excellent tips, whether you're traveling to China or anywhere else for business or leisure. Contact them at 225-4720.

The tips worked for us. We made it home safe and sound, arriving back in Tokyo the very day the EP-3 crew was released from Hainan Island. Although our visit was exciting, it was comforting to return Japan, as if being back in the company of an old and faithful friend.

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Action Line

Q Why aren't there any Japanese classes offered for children?

My husband, children and I had planned to take conversational Japanese as a way to ease the transition of moving for all of us and to be something we could all do together. The education center classes are for people over 18 years of age, and the Family Support Center does not offer this class.

A The 374th Mission Support Squadron's Family Support Center is all about assisting our Yokota families and the folks are always looking for new course offerings that will benefit the entire base. The FSC does offer a Japanese culture class that allows children to attend. It is a 10 week course that explores the many different facets of Japanese culture. Also during this class they offer basic conversational Japanese. We are currently exploring the possibility of increasing the number of classes offered and will advertise across the base that children are more than welcome. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Establishing a 'good' culture

By Maj. John Quattrone
374th Security Forces Squadron commander

The 374th Security Forces Squadron is excited to be a vital part of the wing's strategy to achieve Team Yokota's number one priority, establishing a "good" culture. One new way we think will help is getting out into the community in a more visible way. The squadron is going to take advantage of the wonderful weather and use bicycle patrols and foot beats, which emphasize long-term contacts between the police and members of the community. Although operations and personnel tempo will be a limiting factor, we are willing to "test" these police methods now that spring is here.

Bicycle patrols increase police visibility in an accessible way, they can facilitate cooperative relationships between the public and law enforcement officers. They also allow for a better rapport with adults as well as the youth. The police officers can get out in the public and be more personal. The bicycle officer can be on roadways and in parking lots providing preventive patrol, and is still only minutes from the event if they are needed for a call.

An additional area of focus is drug detection. With all the media attention lately, everyone should be aware of the Air

Force's zero tolerance policy regarding drugs. Sadly, though, some people aren't getting the message. Writing this article, I was informed one of our drug detector dogs just alerted on some narcotics paraphernalia and residue in one of Yokota's housing units. Whether they're conducting random sweeps of base buildings or at the gates greeting visitors, our highly-trained military working dog teams are on duty looking for illegal narcotics, to include ecstasy.

President George W. Bush declared April 12 as National Drug Abuse Resistance Education Day. The proclamation in part reads:

"Today, we recognize Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), the largest and most widely known substance abuse prevention and anti-violence curriculum in America. For over 18 years, D.A.R.E. has brought specially trained community police officers into America's classrooms to teach children how to resist destructive peer pressure and to live productive drug- and violence-free lives ... Research has shown that ongoing reinforcement of drug prevention skills at home and at school play a critical role in decreasing the likelihood of drug use by our youth."

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Kisner and Airman 1st Class Rico Harris teach the DARE curriculum at the Yokota elementary

and middle schools.

The DARE program fosters the same kind of interpersonal contact with the community that is typical of a neighborhood foot beat or bicycle patrol. The DARE officer is removed from his/her patrol car and interacts closely with school administrators, teachers and most importantly, the students. Through regular contact over an extended period of time, the DARE officer develops a rapport within the community.

Lastly, April was Child Abuse Prevention month. Although this brings child abuse prevention to the forefront, it should be an everyday concern for families, neighbors, and the community as a whole. Although the word "abuse" seems harsh, child neglect also falls in this category. Lately, Yokota has witnessed an increase in the number of child neglect cases. Parents/caregivers have been leaving their young children unattended in their cars. As a reminder, according to 374 Air Wing Instruction 31-201, children under age 6 cannot be left in a vehicle unless an adult is with them. My advice is never leave young children unattended in a car for any reason!

Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander, has set the Yokota "good" culture as a top priority. It is up to us, the community, to implement it!



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April 21-26 DUIs:	0
Total DUIs in April:	6
Total DUIs in 2001:	18
Record DUI-free streak:	85

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VEHICLES

1988 Toyota — Town Ace van, excellent condition, JCI until Sept., manual transmission, AM/FM stereo, new tires, \$1,500. 227-2664.(1)
1972 Volkswagen — SuperBeetle chop-top convertible, completely restored, great condition, very unique, fun to drive. 227-3938.(1)
1991 Toyota — Camry, A/C, AM/FM stereo, automatic, 60,000 K, 4-door, excellent car, \$3,000 OBO. 227-9376.(1)
1991 Toyota — Cresta, 2.5-liter engine, excellent condition, power windows and locks, JCI until Aug. 2002. 227-2409.(1)
1987 Toyota — Town Ace van, blue, sunroofs, CD player with remote, power windows, automatic, reliable, JCI until July, \$700 OBO. 227-2450.(1)
1986 Mitsubishi — Minica truck, 49,000 miles, \$750. 227-4102.(2)
1998 Honda — Press Club scooter, 2,000 miles, \$900. 227-4102.(2)
1989 Nissan — Skyline, silver, JCI until Feb. 2003, power locks and windows, A/C and heater, new brakes and tires, customized interior, in excellent condition, \$2,000. 227-4526.(2)

1989 Mitsubishi — 4-door hatchback, JCI until March 2002, 88,000 K, recently serviced, \$800 OBO. 227-2422.(2)
1989 Toyota — Cresta 4-door automatic sedan, JCI until Oct., 92,000 K, looks great, runs better, must sell, \$1,050 OBO. 227-2422.(2)
1988 Nissan — Pulsar, white, 2-door, automatic, A/C, reasonable shape, road tax paid, \$500. 042-830-1646.(2)
1988 Nissan — Bluebird, 4-door, navy blue, power locks and windows, A/C, new tires, good condition, JCI until June, \$1,000 OBO. 227-2312.(2)
1988 Toyota — Carina, 4-door, silver, automatic, cold A/C, power everything, good body and engine, good interior, JCI until July 2002, road tax paid, \$1,000. 227-2666.(2)
1988 Nissan — Van, AM/FM, CD, A/C, \$900 OBO. 227-2722.(2)
1989 Toyota — Town Ace Limite Edition van, JCI until Dec. 2002, front and rear controls for A/C and heating, automatic, power windows and locks, AM/FM cassette, hot/cool box, sunroofs, two new tires, dependable, \$2,600 OBO. 227-2365.(2)
1991 Toyota — Soarer GT-Twin Turbo, audio system, silver, automatic, power windows, excellent condition, \$5,500 OBO. 227-4277.(2)
1991 Toyota — Corolla, JCI until Aug. 2002, 4-door, automatic, power everything, A/C, AM/FM cassette, new brakes, runs great, very dependable, \$2,500 OBO. 227-3335.(2)
1990 Toyota — Corona, excellent condition, gray, 4-door, automatic, A/C, power everything, 50,000 K, new tires and battery, road tax paid, JCI until Aug., \$1,300 OBO. 227-4083.(2)
1986 Toyota — Vista, 4-door, 5-speed, navy blue, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Nov., good condition, \$700 OBO. 227-2312.(2)
1988 Toyota — Camry, excellent condition, JCI until Sept., automatic, AM/FM cassette, power everything, \$1,000. 227-2664.(2)

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Movie Theater

The movie schedule is as follows:
Today — *Saving Silverman*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *Along Came A Spider*, R, 9 p.m.
Saturday — *Monkeybone*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *Along Came A Spider*, R, 9 p.m.
Sunday — *Saving Silverman*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Along Came A Spider*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Monday — *Monkeybone*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — *Sweet November*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — *Sweet November*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Thursday — *Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles*, PG, 7 p.m.
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows:
Family Views — Today through Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Peace Talks with Michael Pritchard: Part 1 - Preventing Violence*. This program paints a picture of teen violence today, identifying the types of violence young people face.
Thursday, 7 p.m., *Peace Talks with Michael Pritchard: Part 2 - Resolving Conflicts*. Pritchard shares tongue-in-cheek rules for escalating a conflict.
Air Force News — daily at 3 p.m.

Scholarship reception

The Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club will award \$30,000 in scholarships to 21 base students. A reception in their honor will be held at 4 p.m. May 9 in the officers’ club ballroom.

DRMO sale

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Sagami will have its next local sealed bid sale May 10. Inspection is Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bids open at 8 a.m. Thursday. Bids must be received by then. For more information, call 268-4508.

Art exhibition

There will be an aircraft art exhibition in the base library May 12, 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 13 the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Twilight flight

Treat your mother to a special get-away May 13. Sign up for the Mother’s Day twilight flight across the Japanese landscape. For more information, call 225-8988.

Dial A Story

The library has a new service for the community. Call 225-2004 to hear a pre-recorded story that lasts several minutes.

Voice lessons

Voice lessons are now available from a United Services Organization-sponsored teacher. For more information, call 090-4967-4168.

Recall

There is a voluntary recall of some Bar-S meat products. If you have Bar-S hot links, bologna, honey ham or sliced ham, do not use it. Return to the commissary for a full refund. For more information, click on www.bar-s.com.

Boomerang hours

The Boomerang Bar and Grill is now operating on special summer hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

O’Club Casino Night

The Officers’ Club Casino Night has been rescheduled for Saturday. Call the O’Club at 225-8526 for more information.

Pavilion rental

Plan your summer party or cookout now! Reserve one of three pavilions located around base. There is no cost for pavilion rental, but all rentals are first come first serve. Reserve a space up to 45 days in advance. Call Outdoor Rec at 225-4552 for more information.

Road closures

Luke Avenue between Bldg. 533 and Outdoor Recreation will be closed until May 15. There will also be a half-road closure on Alabama Avenue near the Food Court. Traffic will be one way from Airlift Avenue to the Family Support Center. The parking lot north of Outdoor Recreation will also be closed. The closures are necessary to repave the existing asphalt road under the Community Center project by the Government of Japan.

Classical music

The Haijima Daishi Temple invites all base members to attend some free Japanese classical music performances.
The Folk Music Lovers Group of Tokyo University will perform the eight Haijima Sound of Andesu Saturday at 2 p.m. Also, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

there will be a special exhibition of the Hijima Daishi. Directions are available at the Yujo Recreation Center.

Dance meeting

There will be a meeting a 6 p.m. May 16 at the Taiyo Recreation Center dance room for everyone interested in becoming a part of the new Dance Performance Group. No experience necessary (ages 14 to adult). For more information, call 227-5287.

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“I enjoyed presenting, personally,” she recalled with a happy tone. “It was a neat experience ... you get to hear these judges that ask intelligent questions. It was totally worth my time.”

Sudkamp mentioned how one of her other great experiences with the JSHS program involved getting to see “how other people think about science,” through the displays of all the students who participated in the symposium. As a spectator she also thought the other presentations were thought provoking to say the least. She also gave kudos to the rest of the YHS participants, including Blake Anderson, Emily Walsh, Mike Miller, De’Mario Bowman and Jaime Ritton.

What about next year’s plans for a project? “Well, I’m not quite sure what I might do, if I’m still here,” Sudkamp said, referring to her possible PCS out of Yokota. JSHS-bound or not, Sudkamp showed that young minds often yield innovative questions and thought-provoking answers.

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“If you don’t do what’s best for your body, you’re the one who comes up on the short end.”

Julius Erving



Natatorium closure: The Natatorium will be closed for maintenance until May 14.

Racquetball championship: Supply beat out MXS two games to one April 23. Supply won the two single matches while MXS won the doubles match.

Volleyball championship: Comm completed a perfect season by winning the championship match against 730 AMS May 24.

Tour De Tama IX: Competitors can sign up at Outdoor Recreation for the mountain bike race through the Tama Hill recreation area May 12. There are separate categories for different skill levels and a barbecue lunch after the event.

For more information call 225-4552.



Drown your pounds: The Natatorium is offering a special promotion from May 14 to June 14. Stop by the Natatorium and learn how you can win great prizes by participating in various aquatics programs.

Football and cheerleading registration: Come to the east youth center between May 16 and July 1 to register for football or cheerleading with youth sports. Open to ages 5-15. For more information, call 225-7441.

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Cherry Blossom 5K run



Left, about 50 runners start their journey at the Cherry Blossom 5K run April 28.

Below left, Chella Hicks keeps a grueling pace. She took first place for the women with a time of 23:31. She was followed by Erin O’Neil, 24:30, and Maroina Mabee, 25:07.

Greg Pece took first place for the men with a time of 17:30. He was followed by Robert Kugach, 18:43, and Yochida Catochi, 19:54.

Cody Mabee took first place in the youth boys category with a time of 28:44. He was followed by Emile Lewis, 39:57. The youth girls winner was Marrissa Mabee with a time of 25:07. She was followed by Catherine Hoffman, 27:38.

Bottom, the runners begin to thin out as the run goes on.

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